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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 955

Chairperson: Senator Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: January 22, 2002

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The main purpose of LB 955 is to give undocumented immigrants the opportunity to pay in-state tuition at post-secondary educational institutions.

This bill would amend section 85-502 to allow the following categories of students to establish residency status for purposes of post-secondary education:

1. A student, if an alien, has applied to or has a petition pending with the Immigration and Naturalization Services to attain lawful status under federal immigration law and has established a home in Nebraska for a period of at least one hundred eighty days where he or she is habitually present with the bona fide intention to make this state his or her permanent residence, supported by documentary proof.
2. A student resided with his or her parent, guardian, or conservator while attending a public or private high school in this state and (a) graduated from a public or private high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma in this state, (b) resided in this state for at least three years before the date the person graduated from high school or received the equivalent of a high school diploma, (c) registers as an entering student in a postsecondary educational institution not earlier than the 2002 fall semester, and (d) provides to the postsecondary educational institution an affidavit stating that he or she will file an application to become a permanent resident at the earliest opportunity he or she is eligible to do so.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator DiAnna R. Schimek